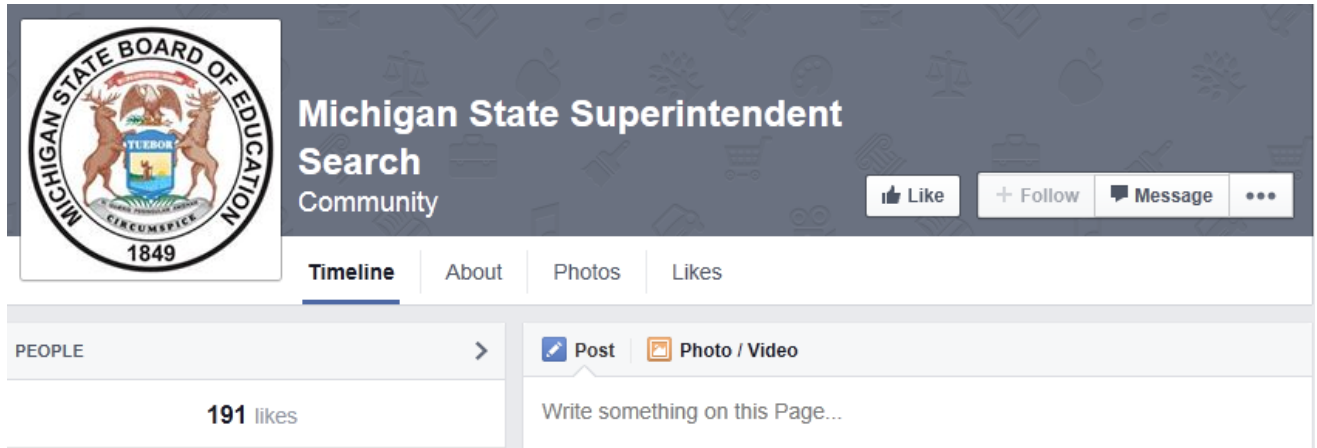


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**Meredith Schindler for Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Trustees**



August 29 at 11:50am · 🌐

Here's a link to the public input form directly. You have until today to voice your opinion . Thanks for the heads up, Ellen.



**Elyse Presnell-Swenson**



August 25 at 9:19am · 🌐

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**Michael C. LoPresto**



August 16 at 10:29pm · 🌐

Maybe teaching experience?



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**Corey Josephson** ▼

August 15 at 5:44pm · 🌐

The State Board of Education is seeking public input on the criteria and qualifications for the next State Superintendent.

My suggestion was that the new state superintendent needed to have an educational background - specifically having worked as a teacher or direct administrator (ie. Principal) for at least 10 years within the last 10-15 years.

I know it's kind of idealistic, but I'm tired of politicians and business deciding what's right or wrong for our schools, especially since the last time many of them spent any time in a public school was prior to 1980.

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**Jan Pardy** ▼

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The search for the new Michigan State Superintendent is asking for teacher input. Here is a link to the form. Please take some time to offer input.


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**Shannon Stephens** I think you should come out of retirement and take that job!!

August 15 at 5:07pm



**Tia Johnson** ▶ **Better Detroit Youth Movement**
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

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
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
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
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

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

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

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**Michigan Chapter of Save Our Schools March and National Call to Action**



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State Superintendent Search Process and Timeline

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**Abrihet Queen** thanks for sharing.

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**Denise Pearson** The next superintendent should be someone who believes in the Constitution. Should believe that STATES and LOCALities and PARENTS should control our children's educations - not FEDERAL DEPTS or PROGRAMS or CURRICULUM. Should not stand for legislatures voting for a curriculum for standards without ever reading (vote in March final draft available in July). Should not be a party to extortion by federal government-accept standards or forfeit funds. We, the citizens PAID into - our children should receive funds. Should not believe throwing more money into department or general fund is the solution. In 2004 America spent \$454 Billion on the military (including the war in Iraq) but \$536 Billion on public schools! America spends more on schooling than the vast majority of countries that outscore us on the international tests. How about someone who believes ranking USA among the world is not the ultimate goal but EDUCATING children IS ! Make CHOICE a priority. Make competition a priority. Give funds to family let them make the choice! Spending goes up but achievement and graduation rates are flat. Doubling spending failed to make schools better. Testing does not make schools better. A government monopoly is not how you educate children. Jan de Groof, coauthor of the biggest international studies on education says the key is freedom for parents to choose, and second, freedom for schools to create the kind of school they want. "Research is quite obvious. The more centralized and the more uniform.. the more monopoly of the state system, the less the quality of education." Harvard economist Caroline Hoxby says "if schools dont perform well in Europe, a parent would never be trapped in that school they way you are trapped in the U.S.A. Belgian official Kaat Vandensavel who runs a government school says she has to compete. America is like a medieval country.. a Communist country on the educational level, because there's no freedom of choice - not for parents not for pupils."

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**Brenda Hewett** We need someone who believes in the students, parents and teachers. The SLDS and p20w is an unacceptable direction to be heading. Common core needs to be removed and a more transparent conversation needs to take place. Our state is too proud to allow corporations and politicians the complete say in our children's education. Common core was written behind the scenes, never tested anywhere and is now being implemented even while other states are imploding. We need someone who listens to the people of the state, make decisions based on facts, not money and understands that the hard choices are sometimes the right choices. Time to step back and rethink common core and all it entails. It has brought along too much baggage.

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**Dwight Mayo** Michigan needs an individual who will LEAD our education as a 'warrior' that puts students at the center of the decision making process to improve student, parent, teacher and community performance. Our kids are NEVER to be political pawns that are bought or sold to the highest bidder/lobbyist/political party to get re-elected, a bill passed or make sure that "favorite" supporter gets the government contract for the next 3-10 years. Really...think about the fact that our kids don't vote or have a say in who resides in Lansing, D.C. and on local school boards! Our next Superintendent should not have a straight 30-40 years in the education sector. Our "Quality Education Leader" should have the knowledge, skills and abilities from diverse sectors of our real economy. This diverse background will lend itself to insisting and assisting the best practices that work to help students and teachers be successful IN THE CLASSROOM. This new leader needs to use every available resource and/or expert to generate policies, laws, rules, strategies and passion that creates an educational system that serves ALL MI students, from the low to the middle to the high achievers! Our schools need more flexibility, employee recognition programs, teacher/leadership development, seamless communications (from parents to Lansing to D.C) and governmental support to take risks/adapt school programs to the needs of ALL students. MI schools need a leader that realizes, and WILL do something about it, to what we have been doing "traditionally" in our school for the last 30-40 years is no longer working to close the achievement gap, produce career and college ready students, provide a positive-contributing citizen and create life-long learners for ALL students. We have inundated our teachers and administrators with so many 'untested' strategies and requirements that we have lost sight on the ONE THING that ensures learning, rigor, relevancy, performance and success will occur in every classroom...RELATIONSHIPS!! 99.9996% of our successful citizenry can share the story about the one teacher, counselor or principal that made "the" difference in being prosperous to graduate from high school and look forward to life.

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**Alana Kobeissi** someone who will express important of the arts (choir, art classes, music classes).

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**Nancy Lynn Erickson** ▸ **Michigan State Superintendent Search**

August 24 at 7:37pm · 🌐

The next superintendent should be committed enough to Michigan's children to risk alienating the Governor when she or he "speaks truth to power."

The caliber of superintendent we desperately need will educate the "powers that be" that spending millions of taxpayer money on more teacher evaluations is a waste of time when children living in poverty start school behind their wealthier peers and fall further behind each summer.

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**Nancy Lynn Erickson** ▸ **Michigan State Superintendent Search**

August 24 at 7:28pm · 🌐

The next superintendent would already know that a "culture of reading" in Michigan will not be built by soliciting donors to pay for books for children to read. The next superintendent will recognize that the most effective way to build a culture of reading is to guarantee that every child in our K-12 schools should have access to a fully stocked school library staffed by a certified teacher-librarian.

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**Nancy Lynn Erickson** ▸ **Michigan State Superintendent Search**

August 24 at 7:24pm · 🌐

The next superintendent should take a close look at how top-heavy we are in Michigan in terms of the number of teaching consultants employed by the state. We need fewer consultants and more school libraries run by certified teacher-librarians.

The next superintendent should be well aware of research proving that students with ready access to books they are excited about reading have greatly improved abilities in reading, spelling, vocabulary and writing. In years past this was generally provided by school libraries. In better funded schools that is still the case. Not that long ago Michigan has one the best ratios of certified school librarians to students. Now we are almost at the bottom among 50 states. Not surprisingly, within the same time frame, reading scores have dropped.

Please provide leadership that well guarantee we have fewer consultants and more school libraries run by certified teacher-librarians.

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**Nancy Lynn Erickson** ▸ **Michigan State Superintendent Search**

August 24 at 7:12pm · 🌐

The next superintendent should recognize that the "digital divide" is real. Many students do not have access to computers at home. Or they have a computer but no internet. Or they have the internet but must share the one computer in their home with many other family members.

Because of the shame many attach to poverty in this country, many students and parents do not want to admit they are on the losing side of the "digital divide." The next superintendent should be aware of this.

The next superintendent should not engage in "magical thinking" about "the power of computers to transform education." The next superintendent should analyze the issues, read the best research studies. The next superintendent should be committed to researching the true causes of problems in learning before proposing solutions. Duh.

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**Nancy Lynn Erickson** ▸ **Michigan State Superintendent Search**

August 24 at 7:01pm · 🌐

The new Superintendent should have a background in public school education. He or she should make a priority of strong progress in closing the achievement gap.

Leadership should be provided in ensuring that all MDE and ISD consultants have received in-depth training in the effects of poverty and techniques that can be used with students living in that situation.

The next superintendent should, at the minimum, be aware of--and ready to provide leadership--in the issues outlined in this editorial from the Hamtramck

Review: <http://www.thehamtramckreview.com/students-are-being-set-up-for-failure/>



### Students are being set up for failure | Hamtramck Review

By Nancy L. Erickson You hear it often: Too many Michigan schools fail to educate their students. Yet the accusation is made primarily against districts where

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**Mary White Wheeler** ▶ **Michigan State Superintendent Search**

August 19 at 8:08pm · 🌐

We need a superintendent that will put money into our school systems for teachers who are the front runners of education, and things that effect students directly. It's time to decrease administrators and government positions. We don't need anymore bureaucratic offices.

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**Joan G. Berndt** ▶ **Michigan State Superintendent Search**

August 19 at 5:07pm · 🌐

The new state supt should come from a public school background with successful teaching and administrative experience. He/she must value a comprehensive education, one which meets the needs of EVERY child, and includes programs in the arts, music, phys ed, foreign language, with attention to serving students at all ends of the spectrum, including special ed and gifted ed. He/she must find a way to give local citizens more control over their programs and finances and stop th... [See More](#)

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👍 Michele Homan-Tucker likes this.



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**Nancy Lynn Erickson** Please include school libraries in the list of essentials. Students living in poverty especially need them. Yet the poorest students are most likely to have had their libraries cut. Use of public libraries is not the answer. Most of those have cut back services as well--especially in low income neighborhoods.

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**Dave Goodrich** ▶ **Michigan State Superintendent Search**

August 19 at 11:42am · 🌐

I am excited that there will be so much public input on this very important decision. Thanks for making that a priority!

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**Marcie Lynn Lipsitt** ▸ **Michigan State Superintendent Search**

August 18 at 8:49pm · Franklin, MI · 🌐

To the State Board of Education: Please use your limited constitutional authority to locate and hire a new State Superintendent who will work to restore MI's public education system to a place of respect and worthy of EVERY MI child. Please, please locate and hire a State Superintendent who will value students with special needs and not further destroy the MI Administrative Rules for Special Education that hold little in the way of integrity due to the rule revisions promulgated by Tom Watkins and Mike Flanagan. The current Superintendent has allowed the Office of Special Ed to run roughshod on parents' procedural safeguards and violate the IDEA 2004. Please locate and hire a State Superintendent who will recognize the value of an "elected" State Board of Ed and support restoring the Board's elected authority. Please locate and hire a State Superintendent who will tackle the sick elephants in MI's public education structure and delivery, those being the ridiculous number of school districts and 57 ISDs. We need a State Superintendent who will work with the SBE and Legislature on a thoughtful consolidation plan of our school districts and ISDs. Please locate and hire a State Superintendent who believes in transparency in every Department. Please don't hire Vicki Markavitch, Christine Johns, Randy Liepa or Brian Whiston. Please don't hire anyone in MI. This state needs a Superintendent from outside of MI and the toxic culture that permeates far too many of our school districts and ISDs. Please locate and hire a Superintendent who will push for an overall to our teacher preparation program. Please locate and hire a Superintendent who will suspend the Charter operators failing our children and corporatizing public education. Please locate and hire a State Superintendent who places MI children "all of them" as his or her greatest priority.

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August 18 at 2:04pm · 🌐

The new superintendent should be committed to dissolving and dismantling the Common Core Curriculum in Michigan. It is anti education in every sense of the word. Centralized control represents nothing more than establishment of State sponsored politically correct indoctrination of the children. It has not been discussed or debated in any forum other than behind closed doors. Giving the gov't permission to institute this abysmal mess is institutionalizing the fraud in education and gov't by centralizing a program that has never been been put forward to the general public.

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**Annette Sheppard Yono** ▶ Michigan State Superintendent Search

August 17 at 4:25pm · 🌐

I would like to see Michigan rethink their graduation requirements. Intelligent and hard working students who have significant contributions to make may not graduate from high school with the current expectation that they are college ready in all subjects.

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August 16 at 11:21am · 🌐

We need a State Superintendent who also cares about Special Education. These students are special and should never be counted out because they are different. Mike Flanagan is doing his best but these students need someone to increase their education. Being a special education teacher who has seen just exactly how they are considered unimportant. I have worked in public schools, corrections, and 2 charter schools. These students are here for the same reason as everyone else. In fact they have so much to give if they were given the same respect as general education students. If anyone is in need of a caring and understanding special education coordinator, please send me a friend request on facebook or email me directly at learn2excel33@gmail.com. I reside in Southeast Michigan!!

Warm Regards,  
Barbara Baker

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August 16 at 7:35am · 🌐

Make sure that they are a real educational person!

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**Diana Flier** ▶ **Michigan State Superintendent Search**

August 15 at 9:37pm · 🌐

Need a superintendent who will not be just a faceless bureaucrat making pronouncements, as one who never enters into our schools just to see how things are going (for us) from a human standpoint. We want one who does not just look at 'numbers'. They constantly increase class sizes then cut support personnel, like me (parapro). This is one big reason why things are not going as well in schools. Too many kids, not enough support. We also want a fair and balanced individual who is not bought and sold by either liberal left Democrats or far right Republicans! Even school lunch programs could be less wasteful, yet more enjoyable to kids. See how effective things are being from a visual standpoint, not just "numbers".

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**Vicky Ellis Gorsuch** ▶ **Michigan State Superintendent Search**

August 15 at 9:01pm · 🌐

I would like to see a much more visible superintendent, one who finds more time to meet with teachers and students around the state. One who has a finger on the pulse of education as it is happening now, not in the past.

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**Marguerite Darlene Stephens** ▶ **Michigan State Superintendent Search**

August 15 at 7:18pm · 🌐

I would like to see public school teachers on the interview committee for the interviews especially.

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